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E. O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL ON TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH HUNGARY

1. DEPT MAY RECALL EMBASSY REPORT ( VIENNA 7572, NOV 29, 1971)  
THAT REITERER, HEAD FOREIGN TRADE SECTION, AUSTRIAN MIN  
TRADE AND NOW AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE TO EC, SOUGHT U. S. VIEWS  
ON AUSTRIAN ( AND WESTERN) POLICIES IN SUPPORT OF HUNGARIAN  
ECONOMIC REFORMS. HE AT THAT TIME ALSO MENTIONED THAT BASED  
ON HIS CONTACTS WITH HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS, TIME MAY ONE DAY COME  
WHEN HUNGARIANS MAY BE INTERESTED IN FREE TRADE AREA ARRANGE-  
MENT WITH AUSTRIA AND POSSIBLE SWITZERLAND. AT THE TIME THIS  
EMBASSY CHARACTERIZED THIS AS A GLEAM IN REITERER' S EYE.

2. REITERER HAS NOW RAISED THIS MATTER A SECOND TIME. DURING  
DISCUSSION WITH FSO ANTHONY GEBER, IN VIENNA ON FSI SENIOR  
SEMINAR CASE STUDY, HE REFERRED TO RECENT INFORMAL TALK HE  
HAD HAD WITH HUNGARIANS. HE TOLD THEM AUSTRIA CONTEMPLATING  
FREE TRADE AREA ARRANGEMENT WITH GREECE AND TURKEY, ESPECIALLY  
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INTERESTED IN LATTER. HUNGARIANS TOLD HIM THEY WOULD FOLLOW ANY ARRANGEMENT AUSTRIA CONCLUDES WITH TURKEY WITH GREATEST INTEREST AND THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENT COULD SERVE AS EXAMPLE TO HUNGARY. ASKED ABOUT IDENTITY OF HIS HUNGARIAN INTERLOCUTORS, REITERER RESPONDED WITH PLEA FOR GREATEST CONFIDENCE THAT IT WAS DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER BACZONYI AND HUNGARIAN REP AT GATT NYERGES.

3. REITERER CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING HOPE FOR U. S. UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF POSSIBLE AUSTRIAN ENDEAVORS BOTH TOWARD TURKEY AND EVENTUALLY HUNGARY.

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